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WEATHER REPORT.
Unsettled weather, probably showers tonight or Tuesday; somewhat lower temperature; moderate variable winds.

SUN AND TIDE TABLE.
Sun rises at 4:48. Sun sets at 7:32.
High tide tomorrow—10:26 a. m., and 11:04 p. m.

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TAFT LEADERS STILL CONFIDENT.

Roosevelt Followers Equally Optimistic Concerning His Prospects

PLATFORMS OF THE FACTIONS

Believes Root Will Be Elected Temporary Chairman—Chauncey Depew Says Taft Has No Chance.

Chicago, June 17.—All talk of a compromise candidate on whom the progressives and the Taft men could unite to heal the breach of the Republican party was shattered today. The Taft leaders after counting noses, decided that they still hold the control. They accepted the assurance of William Barnes, Jr., that he had enough votes to elect Elihu Root temporary chairman. Immediately they stiffened their lines and prepared to a united front. Two conventions in the same hall seemed inevitable. The Roosevelt fighting men have decided to go through with their program. They insisted today that they would go right ahead and nominate Roosevelt and adopt a progressive platform. They declared they could do it in the face of the Taft delegates and that they would protect themselves from the "strong arm" methods.

"The renomination of Taft has practically become impossible since the arrival of Roosevelt." This was the size up of ex-Senator Chauncey W. Depew, Taft delegate from New York, in an interview here with a correspondent of a London paper, whose staff he had not counted on being given out here.

"Taft is of the judicial mind," asserted Depew, who is a real friend and supporter of the president. "But judicial decisions never won an election. His forces are under command of General Principle, and in the rough and tumble of a convention fight, General Principle is a poor leader."

The tariff will be revised downward if the Republican party is returned to power, no matter whether Taft or Roosevelt controls the National convention.

This was made certain today when it was found that the leaders of each faction have determined that they must declare to the people that the tariff is again the dominant issue. At a series of conferences between the steering committees of both the Roosevelt and the Taft ends of the party rough drafts of the proclamation of principles have been completed. From now until the convention committee on resolutions is completed and gets on the job, these leaders will keep busy. They hope to have strong documents ready, so that the committee will not have to bother with the details.

Both of the factions will declare for a scientific downward revision of the tariff. Each will take the point that while American labor must be protected, the fact that trust-made goods are sold abroad profitably at less than half what is charged in the United States, shows that the present rates are too high. But in one respect the platforms will differ. The Taft platform will insist that the present tariff board is meeting the situation squarely and that its recommendations are the ones to be followed. The Roosevelt platform will insist that the present board be strengthened. There will be no mention of reciprocity according to the plans. Both of the platforms also declare for increasing navy and both will take advanced ground on conversation of natural resources. The initiative referendum will be ignored by the Taft framers on the ground that it is purely a state issue that can best be disposed of by the several states themselves. The Roosevelt platform will, it is expected, endorse these principles and also the recall. All of the western delegations are insistent that there shall be no middle-of-the-road ground taken, but that the party shall go on record on these plans designed to bring the people into control of their own government.

The Taft platform will denounce the recall as "vicious and abhorrent." This will be especially so on the recall of the judiciary as Senator Root, the

KIDDS NOT IN CONTEMPT.

Supreme Court Holds They Cannot be Punished for Refusal to Return Money.

The full text of the decision of the Supreme Court of Appeals in the case of the Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation vs. E. L. and F. H. Kidd and R. Lee Camden, as rendered by Judge Stafford G. Whittle in Wytheville has reached Alexandria. The decision holds that the Corporation Court of Alexandria was in error and in it decree ordering the defendants to return to the trust company the sum of \$2,193.33 which was withdrawn by them from the Livingston branch, or be imprisoned in jail until the money was returned.

On the question of the right of plain tiffs to maintain the suit the court says it thinks it unnecessary to express any opinion on that branch of the case.

Taking up the question of the withdrawal of the funds after the corporation had gone into the hands of the receiver the court holds that in order to punish the appellants for an alleged contempt that mere preponderance of evidence is not sufficient but the offense charged must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt and this, it believes has not been done. It was not shown that Mr. Kidd positively knew that the receivers had been appointed or the bank was in trouble nor did the decree appointing the receivers contain any direction or mandate against him.

In summing up its decision the court says:

"We are of the opinion that the evidence was not sufficient to find the appellants guilty of the contempt with which they are charged, and inasmuch as imprisonment for contempt passed from our statute books with the writ of *habeas corpus* ad satisfaciendum in 1849 it was error to require them in this proceeding to refund the money in controversy."

Taft candidate for temporary chairman has framed a plank which declares that "an independent judiciary knowing no friend or foe is the greatest safeguard of true liberty." It declares that the submission to judicial authority of questions of controversy marks the highest development which civilization has attained and will declare that the recall of judges would make them dangerous.

The Taft platform will endorse a central financial organization such as that suggested by the Aldrich plan, but an attempt will be made to change it enough so that criticism of the Aldrich plan cannot be applied to the suggested one. The Roosevelt platform is expected specifically to condemn the Aldrich plan in detail.

The Taft platform will declare emphatically for the retention of the Sherman anti-trust law, but will demand supplementary legislation that its operation may be made more easy and also that the individual responsibility for monopolies can be easily fixed. The Roosevelt plan will demand the enactment of the laws, which will make more easy the regulation of all big combinations of capital and the specific definition of just what is and what is not lawful.

The Roosevelt plan will be revolutionary in one thing—it will declare unequivocally for women's suffrage—and inasmuch as there is a wide difference of opinion in the Roosevelt camp on this plan, a warm fight on it is already foreseen.

The Taft platform will specifically endorse and commend the Taft administration. The Roosevelt document will entirely ignore it.

Chicago, June 17.—It was reported shortly after noon today that the Virginia delegation, counted as solid for Taft, at an executive session today unanimously voted against the selection of Senator Root for the temporary chairmanship and also against permitting delegates seated by the National Committee in contested cases to vote on their own places in affirming the temporary convention roll. The latter action is the first taken by any state so far against the contested delegates seats.

The Virginia delegation organized today with C. D. Slomp, chairman; Alva S. Martin, national committee-man; L. P. Summers, committee on credentials; J. E. Crupper, permanent organization; and D. E. Lawrence, committee on resolutions.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN REACHES CHICAGO.

Nebraskan Occupies Much of the Attention of the Faction Managers.

ARRIVES IN CITY UNHERALDED

Renews His Denial That He Is a Candidate in Baltimore Convention or Has Any Idea of Being Named.

Chicago, June 17.—William J. Bryan, Democratic leader and three times beaten for the presidency, today is occupying much of the attention of the managers for both Taft and Roosevelt. Arriving here yesterday unheralded, he was given a welcome which he himself admitted was as warm as any he ever received from a Democratic assemblage, and today as he moved about the corridors of the hotel he was enthusiastically acclaimed. The majority of the delegates seem to believe that Bryan will be nominated at Baltimore and that he is studying conditions here at first hand in order to be better prepared for shaping things in the convention next week.

To the United Press, Bryan renewed his denial that he is a candidate or that he has even a lingering belief that he may be named again as the Democratic candidate. He expects the fight to be between Clark and Wilson and will tour the country for whichever shall be named.

"I want a chance to show how I can fight for a progressive Democrat," Bryan said. "Our convention at Baltimore will be controlled by the progressives. The conservatives are already whipped. They will cut little figure in the platform. Our platform will be a model of brevity and clarity and will express in plain terms just what the people may expect when they return the Democratic party to power, as they will next November."

To all who have promised support and he has had a public assurance from both Roosevelt and Taft men that unless their candidate is nominated they will turn to the Nebraskan, Bryan has insisted firmly that he is not in the running. Despite this he is pulled and hauled about by crowds eager to seize and shake his hand. He confessed today that his back is sore from the pounding it has received, accompanied by assurances of "Bill, we know you are all right."

The colonel from Nebraska was still chuckling today over his visit to the colonel from Oyster Bay which he paid in his capacity as newspaper correspondent yesterday. The two men who might be assailing each other from the stump within a fortnight were in private conference for nearly half an hour. Neither would discuss the visit or the topics under discussion and all efforts to get Bryan to say whether he welcomed Roosevelt as a fellow progressive were futile.

"I want to get a piece for my paper," naively declared Bryan, changing the conversation when questioned.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The judges for the tournament to be given in George Washington Park, on the Fourth of July are:

Senator R. E. Thornton, chairman; George K. Pickett and J. J. Graham, Chief Marshals, Dr. T. F. Dodd, R. I. Triplett and Malcolm McLean.

Riding begins sharp at 2:30 p. m., and the charge to the knights will be delivered by Hon. Robert A. Hutchinson, of Manassas, Va.

MARSHALL PURCHASES HOME.

Charles Marshall has purchased from George L. Appich a frame residence and two acres of land in the new sub-division of Wellington, which Mr. Appich is placing on the market. The residence is the one now occupied by the Goodview Club and is one of the most beautiful on the river front. The building will be improved by Mr. Marshall who will occupy it as his summer home.

LABORERS WANTED.

50 MEN
TO DO ROAD WORK, 15c per hour. Report to THOMPSON & APPICH, 1078 South Royal street, between 10 and 11 a. m., or 5 to 5:30 p. m., ANY DAY THIS WEEK.

WIND AND RAIN STORM.

Sixty-Mile Gale Strikes This City Towards the Close of Yesterday.

The sultry weather yesterday was followed by a rain storm, accompanied by thunder and lightning, between six and seven o'clock yesterday evening. Rain clouds had appeared in the western and southwestern heavens an hour before and the mutterings of thunder were heard. The wind later wafted the clouds over this city, and rain, thunder and lightning and a gale, which caused considerable anxiety, sent people who were in the streets scurrying to shelter.

The wind came in heavy flaps, twisting limbs from trees, prostrating others and causing slight damage, to houses in some instances.

Glass was broken in the skylight of N. Lindsay and Company's building on the southwest corner of King and Union streets, and the awning over the pavement in front of E. Goldsmith's store, southeast corner of King and Lee streets, was blown down.

There was considerable consternation on the river and river front when the storm struck the city. Boats were torn from their moorings, and in some instances sent out into the river.

During the prevalence of the storm the wind carried away the tent under which flying horses are operated on the old fair grounds. The horses and machinery were damaged to the extent of about \$250.

The wind caused some damage at Luna Park. A tower on one of the buildings was blown down and other structures in the enclosure were slightly injured.

The occupants of motorboats, many of which were on their way up the river at the time, had thrilling experiences. Most of the excursionists, however, took proper precautions, and managed to get their boats to the Maryland shore or to wharves before the tempest broke in its fury.

A party of five in a Washington boat were a short distance below Alexandria when the storm broke. Lightning, it is believed effected the engine as it stopped running almost immediately. Just after the boat had become helpless, a big two masted schooner beating for shelter crossed the bows of the pleasure craft, almost running it down.

The party managed to get the boat in Hunting Creek, just below Jones' Point, and was aided by the wind which blew the boat into somewhat sheltered water. By keeping the bow of the launch in the wind the party prevented the boat from the wallowing which might have capsized it.

The "Atler," a thirty foot motorboat was struck by the squall near Jones' Point and for thirty minutes battled against seas that broke clean over her. The "Atler" carried four men aboard. The four men in the boat fought it out and made this port, where they moored the "Atler," traveling the rest of the way to Washington by the electric train.

A motor boat from Washington man aged to reach the wharf at the foot of Wilkes street after the storm broke. It contained a man and his wife and several children. Before the former could secure the boat a heavy flaw of wind carried it out in the channel and wafted it toward the Maryland shore. It grounded near the residence of John Swift, where it remained until after the wind ceased to blow. A party from this city went to the rescue and brought the boat to this city. The party later left for Washington.

A beautiful rainbow spanned the eastern heavens after conditions had resumed their normal condition. Throughout the business and residence districts of the District of Columbia the effects of the wind were spectacular. Houses were unroofed, awnings torn away, trees bent and broke beneath the blast, and the roads and sidewalks were filled with broken boughs and scattered leaves.

Passengers on railway trains coming into Washington early last night from Baltimore reported that trees had been blown across the tracks in many places, and the passengers had in several cases left the cars and assisted the crews in removing the obstacles.

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LATIN REPUBLICS IN TRANQUIL MOOD

Conditions at Present Serene in Countries South of United States

FIRST TIME IN MONTHS

Backbone of Mexican Rebellion Is Broken—Defeat of Cuban Rebels And Killing of Leaders.

Washington, June 17.—For the first time in months the State department reported conditions of comparative tranquillity today in the Latin republics to the south of the United States. Rebel leaders fleeing to the United States border in citizen clothes indicated to the state department that the backbone of the Mexican revolt is broken. Besides many unconfirmed rumors of disastrous defeats for the Cuban rebels and the killing of their leaders, Consul Holladay, at Santiago, reported the real condition; that the threat of the rebels to hang all whites found in the El Cobre coffee district after 48 hours, and to turn all property not under the jurisdiction of foreign consuls, is being taken seriously, and refugees are leaving the region in such numbers that the country is being depopulated.

POLICE COURT.

(Justice H. B. Caton, presiding.)

The following cases were disposed of this morning:

Three young men, charged with drunken and disorderly conduct, were fined \$5 each. A boy, charged with a similar offense was dismissed.

William and Linda Levell, colored, charged with disorderly conduct, forfeited their collateral by failing to appear.

Hattie Thoms, colored, charged with assaulting Gertrude Levell, colored, forfeited her collateral by failing to appear.

James wise, colored, charged with violating the law providing for the separation of races in electric cars, was turned over to the authorities of Alexandria county.

George McCauley, colored, charged with an offense in Alexandria county, was turned over to officers from that jurisdiction.

A young man, charged with disorderly conduct, forfeited his collateral by failing to appear.

A young man charged with disorderly conduct was fined \$10.

Wallace Luckett, charged with assaulting John Dixon, colored, had his case continued.

John Quill, colored, charged with assaulting John Dixon, colored had his case continued.

Frank Williams, colored charged with disorderly conduct was fined \$5.

A storekeeper, charged with killing a calf within the city limits, was dismissed.

James Hill, colored, charged with disorderly conduct towards Gertrude Levell, colored, was dismissed.

Carl Westerdale, charged with improper conduct on the street, forfeited his collateral by failing to appear.

DEATH OF MRS. PUSEY

Mrs. Irene Pusey, wife of Mr. Thom as Pusey, died at her home, 216 Prince street, this morning after a long illness. Besides her husband, she leaves an infant son.

FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT.

Seventy Persons Killed by the Fall of a Wall in Russia.

London, June 17.—Reuter's News Agency today received a despatch from St. Petersburg, saying that 70 persons were killed by the fall of a factory wall at Pokrovsk.

CONVENTION RUMORS

Chicago, June 17.—During the late forenoon a report gained general circulation that the Iowa delegation instructed by Cummins' will unite with the Taft forces in the organization of the convention and will vote with them to accept the temporary roll. After this it is said the Iowans will break and endeavor to prevent the Taft nomination.

CATALOGUE SOON READY.

Alexandria Library Association Book Being Prepared. Summer Hours at Library.

The Alexandria Library Association held its June meeting last week at the residence of Miss Gibson. The reports from the various committees show the library to be in a most gratifying condition.

The new catalog will soon be ready for distribution. The management has placed an order for the Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature, a catalog of an accumulative reference library published by the H. W. Wilson Co., of Minneapolis, and by paying a nominal sum articles can be secured on any desired subject. This reference catalog will be of value to the school children and clubs of Alexandria.

It is expected that the reading rooms of the library will be opened to the public every night next winter instead of three nights as heretofore. Of course, it is generally understood that the reading rooms are absolutely free, and its tables well supplied with papers and current periodicals.

The subscription to the circulating department is \$1.50 per year for one book and \$2.00 for two books, and as the library is opened every day, books can be exchanged daily if desired. The summer hours of opening are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9:30 to 11:30 a. m., and on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.

The library is on the second floor of Lee Camp Hall, 806 Prince street.

TICKET AGENT ASSAULTED.

Wallace Luckett, a young man from Stafford county, visited Alexandria on Saturday, and after drinking to excess started on the war path while at the union passenger station.

Luckett was making his presence known to passengers who were waiting for trains at the time, when W. G. LeHew, the ticket agent, left his office for the purpose of having him quieted. Luckett approached Mr. LeHew and dealt him a blow on the neck. He was seized by Special Officer Padgett, and conducted to the station house.

Luckett was brought before the Police Court this morning. When asked if he had anything to say, he replied that probably he did strike the station agent, but he was drunk at the time.

Justice Caton imposed a fine of \$10.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Robert E. Knight, Julian Y. Williams, and Samuel W. Pitts, are in Peoria, Ill., representing Post F. of this city, at the national convention of the Travelers' Protective Association. After the convention the Alexandrians will visit Chicago, Cincinnati and Dayton, before returning to their homes.

Suit to recover from the Mount Vernon and Marshall Hall Steamboat Co., the sum of \$5,000 damages for an alleged personal assault has been filed in the circuit court for this city, by Ferdinand L. Knight, through attorneys Machen and Jesse and Walter C. Foster. The assault is alleged to have occurred June 18, 1911.

Mrs. G. A. W. Payne, of Lynchburg, and Mr. William Armistead Christian, of Mobile, Ala., are in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Dempsey.

Mr. Thos. Snellings, this city, is visiting relatives in Stafford county.

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA.

Mount Vernon Council, No. 1, Daughters of America, has elected the following officers for the year:

Mrs. W. A. Shinn, junior past counselor; Mrs. Annie Dodd, associate past counselor; Mrs. John Clapdore, counselor; Mrs. Thomas Beach, associate counselor; Mrs. Annie Davis, vice associate counselor; Mrs. Melvin Simpson, assistant vice counselor; S. A. Forest, recording secretary; Miss Mattie Turner, assistant secretary; Mrs. James H. Mansfield, financial secretary; Mrs. Mary Ticer, treasurer; Mrs. Sarah Mandley, warden; Mrs. Lambert Lyles, conductor; J. H. Mansfield, inside sentinel; Mrs. G. N. Cradlin, outside sentinel; and Mrs. Lambert Lyles, trustee for 18 months.

THIRD ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN RELEASE.

Harry Thaw Making Another Effort to Get Out of Matteawan Asylum

ALLEGED OMISSION IN WRIT

Dr. William A. White, Alienist, Is Placed Upon the Stand—Prisoner's Mother and Sister in Court.

Court House, White Plains, N. Y., June 17.—Accompanied to court by his aged mother, Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw and his sister Alice, formerly the Countess of Yarmouth Harry K. Thaw accused slayer of Stanford White today began his third attempt to obtain release from the Matteawan State Asylum for the Criminal Insane, by declaring through counsel that the return of the asylum authorities to his habeas corpus writ did not state that Thaw was insane.

Justice Keach ruled that the burden of proof was on Thaw and the hearings got under way with the calling of Dr. William A. White alienist.

EPISCOPAL HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The young ladies visiting at the Episcopal High School for the Final festivities are as follows:

Misses Mary Mason and R. B. Mason, of Charles Town, W. Va.; Miss Sarah Oppenheimer, Miss Alston Drake, Miss Martha Valentine, Miss Marie Alvey, Miss Mildred La Few, all of Richmond; Miss Wallace Warfield, of Baltimore; Miss Virginia Harrison, of Warrenton; Miss Annie Jett, of Staunton and Miss Alice Macauley, of Washington.

Miss Ellie Wood Page, of Charlottesville, and Miss Marbury, of Washington, are with Miss Beatrice Virginia Crawford.

Miss Juliana Taylor, of Charles Town, W. Va., and Miss Mary Gwathmey, of Norfolk, are at the house of the Misses Worthington.

Among the alumni of the High School now here are: Messrs. Joseph and William Wood, of Albemarle county; Mr. Harrison M. Robertson, of Danville; Mr. Talbot T. Pendleton, of West Virginia.

Miss Anne Balch, of Maryland, Miss Mary Welby Foster and Miss Clarissa Fleming, of the Plains, Miss Stuart of Baltimore and Miss Mary Wertheimer and Miss Frances Sublett of Warrenton are coming to stay in the neighborhood for the Final Ball tonight at the Elks' Hall.

The Rev. Frank Page, D. D., of Fairfax, came to the School last night to preach the final sermon. On account of the storm, the service was held in the School chapel. He took as his text, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" The Rev. R. K. Massie, D. D., read the service.

Dr. Page was accompanied by his brother, Mr. Thomas Nelson Page, the author, and his daughter, Miss Tillie Page.

"BALANCE OF POWER."

Part Negro Delegates from the South Will Play.

Chicago, June 17.—"That balance of power," idea—patented by the La-Follette forces and revamed by the Cummins supporters—was claimed today by those professing to be behind a plan whereby the fifty-two negro delegates from the south shall enter defensive alliance to swing through a number of reforms for the negro as the price of their shifting the balance.

Negro workers today rounded up their balance in pursuance of the scheme. Tonight a negro banquet will be held to cement the plan, provided the black delegates can be persuaded to leave for a short time the winning and dining back-patting to which they are being subjected by the Rooseveltites and the Taftites.

Silicous—"There are times when every man makes a fool of himself. Cynicus—"Yes, but some of us get over it."

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